

REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, 14 and 16-19 are pending in the application. By this Amendment, claims 1, 5, 9, 13 and 16-19 have been amended. No new matter has been added. It is respectfully submitted that this Amendment is fully responsive to the Office Action dated April 17, 2008.

As to the Merits:

As to the merits of this case, the Examiner maintains the following rejection:

claims 1-3, 5-7, 9-11, 13, 14 and 16-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by Salesky et al. USP 6,343,313.

This rejection is traversed.

Independent claim 1, as amended, now calls for *a providing unit that provides prescribed content to a client; a receiving unit that receives a message including position information which specifies a prescribed position on the content; an extracting unit that extracts the position information from the message; and a transmitting unit that transmits a message including the extracted position information to another client that is browsing the content, wherein the message is an instant message that is transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP).*

The Examiner asserts, on page 3, lines 8-11 of the Action that Salesky teaches:

wherein the message is an instant message (see col. 3 lines 13-49, the conference uses a real time conferencing and instant messaging software to instantly transmit messages that comprises changes in the pointers in the captured region to other participants which makes the messages instant messages.

However, it is respectfully submitted that the Salesky reference fails to disclose that the command messages that are embedded in the stream are transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP), as discussed in paragraph [0006] of the present specification.

Instead, Salesky discloses in col. 14, lines 45-58:

In general, the presenter client sends out a stream or streams, which can vary in format over time. The presenter client can also imbed command messages into a stream, such as a command indicating a changed color map, a pointer icon position, or a presentation hand-off command; such commands can also be sent in a separate communications channel. Capture can also occur in buffers for other purposes than screen display. Streams other than the shared-screen conferencing stream (outlined above and described in more detail below) can carry information to allow shared or broadcast text chat, audio, video, drawing, whiteboarding, and other communications. These streams are subject to and can enjoy the same or similar load/need analysis and balancing methods and mechanisms.

That is, while Salesky clearly discloses that the presenter client can send out streams with imbedded command messages for indicating, i.e., a pointer icon position, Salesky simply fails to include any disclosure regarding transmitting, receiving or providing such information in instant messages that are transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP), as now called for in each of the independent claims 1, 5, 9, 13 and 16-19.

Accordingly, since Salesky is silent with transmitting, receiving or providing imbedded command messages in instant messages that are transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP), it is submitted that Salesky fails to teach each and every features of claim 1, regarding *a providing unit that provides prescribed content to a client; a receiving unit that receives a message including position information which specifies a prescribed position on the content; an extracting unit that extracts the position information from the message; and a transmitting unit that transmits a message including the extracted position information to another client that is browsing the content, wherein the message is an instant message that is transmitted according to the Instant Messaging and Presence Protocol (IMPP)*. Further, it is submitted that independent claims 5, 9, 13 and 6-19 are not anticipated by Salesky for somewhat similar reasons.

In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date.

If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

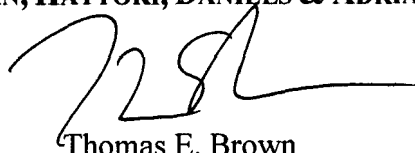
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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

Respectfully submitted,

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